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1. JUNE 3 AHARAM CONTAINS ARTICLE BY MININFO ABUL MEGD ON
EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN RELATIONS, EFFECTIVELY CONSTITUTING FIRST
OFFICIAL GOE POLICY STATEMENT SINCE MAY 13 GOE RELEASE ON
VOICE OF THE ARABS FOLLOWING JALLUD'S VISIT TO CAIRO
(REFTEL A). THRUST OF ABUL MEGD'S ARTICLE IS THAT EGYPT AND
LIBYA AGREE ON ENDS--WHICH ARE DEFINED AS ARAB BROTHERHOOD
AND "HUMAN CONFRONTATION" WITH THE ZIONIST ENEMY--BUT NOT ON
MENAS. PART OF PROBLEM SAYS ABUL MEGD, IS THAT LIBYAN
REVOLUTION AND REVOLUTIONARY PHILOSOPHY CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO
THE (EGYPTIAN) JULY 23 REVOLUTION, WHILE IN EGYPT THAT SAME
REVOLUTION HAS "ENTERED A NEW STAGE...MARKED BY MATURITY".

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ARTICLE ENDS WITH APPEAL TO LIBYAN LEADERS TO DISCARD

USELESS ACTIONS AND PUT MATTERS BACK ONTO RIGHT TRACK.

2. ANOTHER ARTICLE ON LIBYA APPEARS IN JUNE 3 CAIRO PRESS IN ROSE AL-YOUSSEF, WHICH STATES THAT "EXCHANGES OF LIBEL" NEVER HELPED THE ARAB CAUSE AND CRITICIZES QADHAAFI FOR HIS OWN CRITICISM OF AND LECTURING AT EGYPT. ARTICLE POINTS UP INCONSISTENCIES OF QADHAAFI'S POLICIES AND ACTIONS, INCLUDING NASSERISM, PAN-ARABISM OF THE BATTLE, AND THE APPLICATION OF THE "THIRD THEORY" TO SOVIET/LIBYAN RELATIONS. IT CALLS FOR A DIALOGUE BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA TO RECTIFY SITUATION, RATHER THAN A MUTUAL SLANDER CAMPAIGN.

3. COMMENT: ROSE'S ARTICLE MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED, BUT ABUL MEGD'S WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN WRITTEN WITHOUT SADAT'S APPROVAL. IT MODERATES MUSTAPHA AMIN'S SHARP ATTACK ON QADHAAFI OF MAY 28 (REFTEL B), AND INDICATES THAT GOE INTENDS TO WITHHOLD ITS FULL PUBLIC FIREPOWER FOR THE MOMENT. EILTS

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